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Remarks

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1,4-6,8-11,14-16,19,22,25,27,29,32,35, 38, and 41-66 are pending. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5-6, 8-9, 11, 14, 16, 19, 22, 25, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 43, 45-46, 48-49, 51-52, 54-57, and 58-66 base upon the Judicially Created Doctrine of Double Patenting and has required the submission of a Terminal Disclaimer. Therefore, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and a Certificate pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), along with the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d).

With the submission of the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate

Applicants respectfully suggest that all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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